Declaration of Interim Dividend by NTPC

1658. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Power Grid had declared interim dividend in the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies have not yet contributed their share to the Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when this amount of interim dividend and the amount of final dividend, if any, is likely to be paid to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) paid final dividend of Rs. 1082.30 crores for the financial year 2003-04 on 30th July, 2004. In addition, NTPC has also paid interim dividend of Rs. 885.55 crores on 10th March, 2005. power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has paid a dividend of Rs. 125 crores for the financial year 2003-04 on 19th October, 2004. In addition, interim dividend of Rs. 88 crores has been paid by PGCIL on 25th February, 2005.

(d) and *(e)* Question do not arise due to (c) above.

Ramagundam Thermal Power Project

1659. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU. Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phase-ll of Ramagundam Thermal Power Project has been commissioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the total installed power capacity and the Plant Load Factor of the Thermal Unit: and

(c) if not, by when the said unit would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station has three stages. 3x200 MW

units in Stage-I and 3x500 MW Units in Stage-ll have been commissioned and are under commercial operation. One more 500 MW unit under Stage-Ill has been synchronized during current financial year (2004-05) and is presently under stabilization. The installed power capacity of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station, which is under commercial operation, is 2100 MW. The corresponding Plant Load Factor (PLF) for the period from April, 2004 to February, 2005 is 89.42%.

(c) Do not arise in view of reply at (a) and (b) above.

Potential of Hydro-Electricity in Jammu and Kashmir

1660. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great potential of hydro-electricity in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the present demand and supply of power with details of power generating plants in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) the details of power projects under construction in the State with their capacities and expected date of commissioning; and

(d) the details of power projects where works are likely to commence in the next couple of years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the "Reassessment study of Hydroelectric Potential of the Country" carried out by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) during 1978-87, the hydroelectric potential of the State of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of installed capacity has been assessed as 14,146 MW.

(b) Details of power supply position in the State of Jammu and Kashmir for the month of February 2005 and during the period April 2004-February 2005 are as under:

	Energy (MU)		Peak Demand (MW)	
	February 2005	April 2004-February 2005	February 2005	April 2004-February 2005
Requirement	674	7394	1223	1316
Availability	472	6734	1073	1166
Shortage	202	660	150	150
%	30	8.9	12.3	11.4